

CLAM BOX RESTAURANT  
High Street & Mile Lane (Rt.1-A)  
Ipswich  
Essex County  
Massachusetts

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Essex	TOWN OR VICINITY Ipswich
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) CLAM BOX RESTAURANT		HABS NO. MA-1245
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) High Street and Mile Lane (Rt. 1-A)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1938	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Richard J. Greenleaf, Jr.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Clam Box Restaurant is an authentic and very early example of "Roadside Architecture" and is built in the shape of a clam box.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Roadside restaurant		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) wood and homosote		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangularly shaped		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The clam box is set on an angle to the street so that its unusual shape is obvious		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The dining room was added in the 1960's, second level (interior) was added in the 1970's.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The Clam Box has been in business here for over 45 years as a roadside restaurant.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) MHC inventory, Ipswich Form #214		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Massachusetts Historic Commission		DATE 10/20/87